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1. SRV LIAISON OFFICER DO THANH CAME TO EMBASSY AT
1500 MARCH 4 TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING ORAL POINTS:

(1) WE WERE BOTH AGREED NOW ON THE MEETING ON
MARCH 8; SRV PROPOSED THAT THE MEETING BEGIN AT 1400
TO MAKE SURE THERE WOULD BE TIME TO COMPLETE THE
CONVERSATION IN THE AFTERNOON.

(2) THE VIETNAMESE SUGGESTED THAT WE MEET AT
THE RESIDENCE OF DCM GAMMON SINCE THEIR BUILDING ON
AVENUE MADRID WOULD BE USED AT THAT TIME FOR A
VISITING DELEGATION.

(3) THE SRV SIDE WOULD BE BASICALLY THE SAME AS
DURING THE NOV 12 MEETING: TRAN HOAN (WHO WILL HEAD
THE TEAM), DO THANH, TRAN THIEN CAN (NEWLY RETURNED
FIRST SECRETARY REPLACING PHOUNG), AN INTERPRETER AND
A NOTE-TAKER. TRAN HOAN WILL APPARENTLY CONTINUE TO
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USE AN INTERPRETER EVEN THOUGH DO THANH AGREED HIS
FRENCH WAS QUITE ADEQUATE.

(4) DO THANH SAID THEY STILL DID NOT HAVE FOR
US THE LIST OF PERSONS WHO WILL TALK WITH THE
PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION. HE HOPED TO HAVE THEIR NAMES
FOR US SOON, AND WOULD CALL.

(5) DO THANH REITERATED THE DESIRE FOR THE FLIGHT PLAN OF THE AIRCRAFT AND ITS CHARACTERISTICS BEFORE MARCH 10 TO PERMIT PLANNING. SRV WISHES TO REMIND US THAT GIA LAM AIRPORT CAN TAKE ONLY A 727 OR 737.

2. COMMENT: DO THANH SEEMED VERY RELAXED AND PLEASED THAT AS HE PUT IT, THROUGH MUTUAL GOOD WILL WE HAD COMPLETED THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE PREPARATORY MEETING.

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